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Tour Days Arranged for Tri-Stake Project

Guide Service On 3 Sundays In February

Three tour-days, Sundays, from 2 to 4 p.m., have been arranged so that members of the Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley and Walnut Creek stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can visit the site of the Inter-Stake Tabernacle and check on progress to date.

Guide service will be provided for the 2 to 4 p.m. "open house" on February 9 for Hayward stake; February 16 for Oakland-Berkeley stake; and February 23 for Walnut Creek stake.

In announcing the visit-dates, Stake President Milton P. Ream of Hayward; O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley; and Norman Creer, Walnut Creek, urged members to consider:

"The building is progressing and it is necessary that funds be accumulated to pay for this very important project. If you haven't made your pledge and payments pursuant thereto, please do so at once, and you are invited to come and see what your money is building.

WORK HAS progressed enough so that an excellent picture can be obtained as to the size and location of the facilities being built.

All first floor slabs are practically complete for the two-ward chapel, bishops' offices, and recreational room. All pouring has been completed for the recreation center.

Both kitchens, the one for the chapel and the other for the inter-stake center are roughed in.

All concrete work for foundations and basement floors was completed by the first of the year. The pre-Christmas rains did not delay the proposed schedule of work.

All bricks up to the first floor have been completed.

THE AUDITORIUM for the inter-stake center will seat 2,200. The recreation hall will boast a large basketball playing court, large enough to permit three practice Council of the Twelve Apostles. The baptismal font will be about 6 by 10 feet, and the chapel next to it will seat 196. The font can be screened off from the small chapel.

Many people have been taking an interest in the construction, including several visitors from Salt Lake City.

Movies are being taken of the project and are available for meetings.

J. Howard Dunn Is Manager of 3-Stake Project

On January 15, 1958, Wendell B. Mendenhall, chairman of the General Church Building Committee, with the approval of the combined Stake Presidencies, announced the appointment of J. Howard Dunn as manager of the Inter-Stake Center and two ward building project on Temple Hill. The purpose of this change was to give local supervision to the project.

Brother Dunn is a member of the Oakland Fourth Ward and a member of the High Council of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake. He is a registered Civil Engineer and is associated with the Hersey Inspection Bureau of Oakland.



RALPH SEVERSON, 12-year-old Sunday School organist in Rodeo Ward.

Rodeo Ward

Ralph Severson, Ward Organist, Junior High School Honor Student

By Una Ellsworth

Ralph Floyd Severson, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Severson of 2961 Mullens Drive, Richmond, has been sustained as Sunday School organist in our Ward.

He has been assistant organist for the past year and is first Counselor in the Deacons' Quorum.

Ralph is an eighth grade honor student at Walter T. Helms Junior High School in Richmond and was

the next youngest student when he was 11.

Young Severson is a piano student of Nico D. Snel, musical director of the Walnut Creek Stake.

Lafayette-Orinda

Edmond Y. Wells Succeeds Collett As Ward Bishop

Edmond Y. Wells has been sustained as Bishop of the Lafayette-Orinda Ward of Walnut Creek Stake, succeeding Bishop Owen M. Collett, whose business required a permanent move to Salt Lake City.

Bishop Wells was formerly Bishop Collett's First Counselor. Sustained as Bishop Wells' Counselors were Stanton F. Benson, president of the Orinda Branch before formation of the Ward, and Robert H. Johnson. Floyd H. Rydahl continues as ward clerk and will be assisted by Charles L. Ferguson.

Walnut Creek Stake

Elder Morris Tells Need To Serve God, Help The Children

By Albert Gilbert

"No man organized the Church of Jesus Christ," Elder George Q. Morris, member of the Council of the Twelve, reminded the Walnut Creek Quarterly Conference January 12.

Other churches have been organized by good men, religious men, scholars, and men devoted to the Lord's service as they understood it, but only He organized the Church which bears His Name, Elder Morris pointed out.

"Our part is to live it (His Gospel)," he charged.

Earlier he had told his audience of 1343, assembled in the Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill Ward Chapel, "Those who serve God with all their might cannot fail! Don't worry about the trouble in the world today. It was predicted and so was its passing away. The Lord cannot and will not fail."

THE APOSTLE admonished his hearers to devote time and attention to the training of young people, especially their own children. He warned against the practice of parents' delivering their children to Sunday School in the family automobile and then going on about personal business or pleasures.

"God's greatest gift is the truth (of His Gospel)," he told a special Saturday evening meeting January 11. "We are all offspring of God. We live forever."

Stake President Norman B. Creer reported that the two-year-old stake has grown to a membership of more than 5100 and forecast necessity of an accelerated building program to include ward chapels at Antioch, Pleasant Hill, Rodeo, and ultimately Lafayette-Orinda.

"WE NEED TO send more young men on foreign missions and we need more stake missionaries," President Creer said. "There is much work to be done. You will all be called on for work and more work."

Presidents Kenneth D. Jensen and Joseph R. Hilton, first and second counselors to President Creer, Stake Patriarch Vinal G. Mauss, High Councilmen Irel Bar-

rus and James M. Christensen, Bert W. Marley, Lin and Mary Jean Davis and others contributed substantial addresses to the program.

Saturday night's session was followed by a social hour and get-together over punch and cookies. Lunches served between Sunday sessions were furnished by ladies of the Lafayette-Orinda Ward.

Apples Being Sold In Huge Fund Drive

You can buy juicy Newton apples and contribute to the Temple Hill building fund in one easy operation, thanks to the Sunday School superintendency of the Oakland Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

Superintendent Paul J. Hallman announces that the ward has just completed arrangements with the Webster Orchards of Hood River, Oregon, to buy the world-famous Newton apples.

"These apples are renowned for their long life in cool room storage, together with their eating and cooking qualities," said Superintendent Hallman. "They are the Fancy Pack variety, weighing 40 pounds to the box."

Proceeds of this undertaking will add to the Temple Hill building fund. The apples are being sold for \$3.50 per box, which is below market price for this quality, and considerable savings will be en-

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California Missionaries Convert Total of 1610 During Year 1957

California missionaries performed a total of 1610 baptisms during 1957, it was reported at the annual conference of the California Mission, completed January 3 in Los Angeles.

Improved methods of teaching were discussed at the sessions, presided over by President Henry D. Taylor, who emphasized the theme of the conference, "He that is faithful, the same shall be kept and blessed with much fruit."

Elder Mark E. Petersen, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, admonished the missionaries to gain a knowledge of the reality of God, his son, Jesus Christ, and of their visit to Joseph Smith. Only through this conviction can missionaries be devoted and without this devotion they cannot convert others, he said.

President James C. Hurst, second counselor, and Glenn L. Pearson, director of the LDS Institute at the UCLA, gave the conferees pointers on how to overcome difficulties and the value of the Book of Mormon in answering questions.

The missionaries held a Talent Night, with skits from each of the

15 California districts, attended the Rose Parade and enjoyed a dinner served by the Santa Monica Second Ward before returning to their fields of labor.



APOSTLE GEORGE Q. MORRIS (second from left) conducted the Walnut Creek Stake quarterly conference January 11 and 12. Shown with him are: Stake President Norman B. Creer (center), First Counselor Kenneth D. Jensen (left), Second Counselor Joseph R. Hilton and W. Glenn Harmon of the Northern California Mission presidency.

Fewer Days Hath February!

Thirty days hath September, etcetera, etcetera—

But February hath only twenty-eight.

Therefore, Messenger reporters, please have your copy in **EARLY** this month.



THE CHRISTENSEN FAMILY . . . Small sister Karen, Mother LaDean and sister Connie stand with brother Rodney and Dad Herman, holding baby brother Ricky, and Brent who is no longer with them.

Castro Valley

Ex-Bishop's Son, 16, Dies

Members of Castro Valley Ward were drawn together in the unity of sorrow when they joined with three hundred friends and relatives in memorial services for Brent Christensen, who died December 31, after being stricken by a ruptured blood vessel in the brain, the previous day.

Brent, son of former Bishop and Sister Herman A. Christensen was just 16 years old. Born in Twin Falls, Idaho, Brent attended schools in Twin Falls, Alameda and Eureka, Calif., and was a junior in Castro Valley high school. He was an Explorer Scout in Post No. 718 and had just completed the requirements for the "Duty to God" award. (The award will be presented to his parents at a later date.) He was the lead clarinetist in the Castro Valley High School band.

Garth Ludwig, a member of Brent's Quorum, bore testimony to Brent's dependability and said, "I am humble and grateful for the opportunity of having known Brent—and whatever his calling will

be now he'll accomplish it." Douglas Wardell pointed out that Brent had received all of his Church ordinations from the hands of his father and concluded, "may we give our lives so we may be prepared to meet Him again."

Abe Atwood, Brent's scoutmaster, high school teacher and Priesthood teacher told of Brent's leadership and his special gifts for conveying happiness. Bishop Herber James Brown, who conducted the services, compared Brent's passing to a Missionary call which came directly from God rather than through His authority on earth.

The courage displayed by Brent's parents and family in accepting God's will in taking their loved one from them has served to strengthen the testimonies of many in the ward and stake.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by brothers and sisters, Connie, Rodney Dean, Karen Louise and Ricky Dale Christensen; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Stokes, Castro Valley; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie Larsen, Arizona, and a maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Annie Packer, Logan, Utah. He was the nephew of Harold Quinn Stokes, Hayward; J. Newell Christensen, San Leandro; Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, San Lorenzo. There are other uncles and aunts in other states and 243 surviving cousins.

Members of Brent's Priesthood served as pallbearers at the services which were attended by 40 members of the Castro Valley high school band and many more of his high school friends.

"He that . . . believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, and is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

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Hayward Second

2 Joneses Named To Elders Quorum

By Shirley Troub

Alten Davis, president of the Elders' quorum, has chosen as his new counselors Maurice Jones and Wallace Jones. Wallace Jones has been released as Deacon's adviser and Dan Pihlone has taken over this position.

On January 1, 1957, our ward membership numbered 619 and on December 31, 1957 we boasted a proud 815 members! Numbered in this increase of 196 were 44 babies and 46 converts.

Our basketball team is small but powerful, winning all its games thus far. Come out each Monday night and give support to the players.

Walter and Susanne Scots welcomed their fourth child and second daughter whom they have named Donna Kay.

Temple President Announces Changes For Saturday Work

The Los Angeles Temple Presidency has agreed to discontinue the special priesthood sessions being held on the first, fourth and fifth Saturdays of each month.

Decision for this move was made following consideration of five group of stake presidents of the Los Angeles Temple District.

Beginning with the opening of the Temple on January 2 all Temple sessions, including Saturdays, are open to both men and women, announced Benjamin L. Bowring, president. He added:

"This is being done with the understanding that the stake president will assume the full responsibility of taking care of the accumulated surplus male names just as soon as it is possible to do so, and thereafter keeping a constant balance of male and female endowments by the respective stakes."

"We are confident this arrangement will better serve the people of the Temple District," said President Bowring. "The responsibility of keeping the work proceeding in an orderly manner with an equal number of male and female endowments being performed can best be controlled by the individual stakes."

President Bowring transmitted this information in letters to stake presidents and general chairmen of the district.

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Hayward Stake's Party Is Successful

By Gertrude Lesser

The Hayward Stake Family-party was held Friday January 17. Although the weather was certainly any thing but pleasant (extreme low fog) many attended a most enjoyable evening. In the receiving line were the Stake Presidency, High Council and their wives. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Myron Christensen. Remarks were made by President Milton Ream followed by a humorous skit by the Relief Society. A dance was given by 'Two Idaho Potatoes' from the Primary.

Ora Pate Stewart was a special guest and gave two humorous readings. Sister Stewart is a well known author of many church books. She lives in Garden Grove, Calif. A dramatization 'YM MIA' and 'YM MIA' was presented by the Mutual Board. A Grand March was directed by Brother and Sister William Day which was followed by refreshments and social dancing.

Explorers and MIA Maids are making plans for a special dance, 'Driver's Dance', February 14 at Oakland Second Ward at 8 p.m.

Hayward Stake MIA under the direction of Herman Christensen is planning an operetta "Bells of Barcelona" for April 18 and 19. Funds will go toward the Tri-Stake Center.

STAKE CALENDAR

February 2, Sunday, Scout Sunday—All Wards; Feb. 6, Thursday, Scout Court of Honor, San Lorenzo Ward, 8 p.m.; Feb. 15 and 16, Stake Quarterly Conference, San Lorenzo Ward; Feb. 20, Thursday, MIA Leadership Meeting, Centerville Ward, 8 p.m. (Centerville Chaperones for Saturday Night Dances)

STAKE MISSION

The Hayward Stake Mission Presidency is needing, and the bishops of the various wards are asking, for more stake missionaries. The Mission Presidency is planning the annual conference for February, 7-8-9. Friday evening will be a dinner and program to be held at Centerville Ward. The Saturday meeting will be turned over to guest speakers under the direction of President Dean Hawkey with President Milton Ream presiding. Sunday services will be a testimony meeting.

Sister Raylene Darton and Brother Garry B. Soronson were married in the Logan Temple Jan. 30.

The many friends of Ruby and Reid Lesser around the Bay Area will be happy to learn that they are active in their church work in the Gilmer Branch in Texas. Reid and Ruby live in Mineola and drive 45 miles to attend church services with their four children. Recently Reid spoke before his Rotary Club and his subject was "Utah and Mormonism." Reid says there are many Baptist and Methodist churches in that locality and the people know the basic beliefs of these two religions but that there are no Mormons and it was truly an opportunity for him to be able to give to them the Joseph Smith story.

Reid is Manager of the Grand Saline plant of the Morton Salt Co. This is the largest of their many plants in the States and Canada and Reid is their youngest plant manager. This is an underground salt mine visited yearly by 10,000 tourists.

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Praise for Ward Building Site Given by Church Committeemen

By Nell Smith

"This is one of the finest building sites I have seen," said Elder George Pederson of the Church building committee when he visited our lot this month. Accompanied by Bishop Brown and Building Committee Chairman Lou Hennessey, Elder Pederson discussed probable landscape ideas and ways in which to get the greatest enjoyment of the excellent view the site affords.

Our building site is located at Seven Hills and Almond roads. Have you seen it? We invite you to look it over while we make ready for a spring clean-up. Since our family dinner night of January brought in a larger revenue in donations than all previous dinners it would seem a good time for us to take our second wind and begin an all out drive to get over the top.

"Sputniks" and "Mutnicks" have been launched from the Building Committee base, piloted by co-leaders Doug Wardell, Lou Hennessey, Heber Brown and Herman Christensen. The "satellites" are manned by two twelve-man teams. Their two pointed goal will be more pledges for the Ward and Tri-Stake center building funds.

Bishop Brown says, "If we Castro Valley ward members get behind this new revolving drive with the same enthusiasm as we show in other projects we'll soon be able to make reports that are 'out of this world.' Let's show Brother Pederson that our beautiful site will not be vacant for long."

AUXILIARY activities have been happily resumed with some new changes in the New Year. Sister Mary Blazin has been sustained as Primary president. Past President Beverly Wilson was released as she prepares to move to Washington. Sister Margaret Adams will serve as secretary. A good attendance has been reported. New leaders are Clarence and Blanche Blackburn, Rose Lattier, Natalie McIntyre and Madeline Poltz, in-service trainer.

Happiest auxiliary of all is Sunday School where Superintendent Albert Atwood reports the largest Sunday School in the ward history. It is a good step forward in the 40 per cent ward attendance goal which the faculty have set out to achieve. New teachers who have been added to the staff include Sisters Elaine Fontana, Mel Rae Baer, Norma Combs, Barbara Aguirre, Louise Palmer and Brother Lyman Parker.

Relief Society has a new secretary, Sister Nola Papa; YMMIA has a new counselor, Alden Lamph; Clyde Martindale was appointed ward teaching supervisor.

"CHAIRMAN of Entertainment for Castro Valley Ward Building Committee" is a big title for a petite femme, the capable Nellemae Tanner. Hearts and flowers have been presented to Nellemae for

To Martin Smemo, erstwhile deacon, now advanced to the office of teacher. And to the new Teacher quorum presidency, Steve Atwood, Stanley Day, Marvin Brown and Darrell Wardell.

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deep rooted knowledge of the existence of our Heavenly Father. Her whole life was built around church activity. She was married February 25, 1953 to Richard in the Salt Lake Temple. Her activities in the Junior Sunday School coordinator, stake dance director, Stake missionary, Beehive teacher, Primary teacher and president and stake board Primary member."

BISHOP TRUMAN NETHERCOTT spoke of his personal experiences with Marian. He said, "It is sweet to know a person with that kind of person, could change a cloudy day to happiness. She always seemed to be more concerned with others than she was herself. I don't know of a happier person, nor one more humble. It was my privilege to give Marian and Dick their temple recommends for marriage. I work at the school where Marian and other young LDS people attended. Many of the school teachers would comment on the fine things and accomplishments of these young people. They built my faith as a Bishop. Marian was sweet and kind and gentle. She came from that kind of a home. Brother and Sister Sutton had a sweet spirit in their home. I am grateful for the time I have spent with these young people. Most of them are married, most of them married in the temple. It makes my heart glad. If Marian were here, and I believe the Lord allows them to be here to see their many friends and hear what is said, there would be no sadness with her. I pray we may realize our responsibility and that we may have a greater desire to live and keep Our Father's commandments, for we all shall pass this way."

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Through this year of 1958 let's review in our minds our many blessings, both seen and unseen; and strive to place the importance on the Gospel of Jesus Christ that

it should have. I am sure if we are honest we will know in our hearts the big part it should play in our lives. Let us look for just a moment at the happiness, love, peace of mind, security, development, unity, opportunity, and many other gifts we are privileged to enjoy through the Church. Striving with all our might we are capable of giving so little in return. Let us, dear Sisters, pledge that we will better serve our God by striving to improve ourselves in every way to be better teachers and leaders of those beautiful young Bluebird girls. This I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Love,
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Singles Club Holds Parties, Elects New Officers

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Taylor Brockbank Dies in S. L. C.

Taylor Brockbank, father of Mrs. LaVon Johnson, of Berkeley First Ward, and Mrs. Elaine Evans, of Berkeley Second Ward, died in suburban Salt Lake City in mid-January.

Elder Brockbank was a notable person in many ways and he and his wife endeavored themselves to the Berkeley Latter-day Saints during their many visits in the Bay Area.

A revered principal of Cypress High School in Salt Lake County, upon retirement he became state head of citizenship work for aliens. He was elected to the Utah State Senate where he was serving with distinction when he suffered a cerebral stroke which handicapped him until his death.

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Monthly Excursions to Temple Started In Walnut Creek Stake

Excursions to the Los Angeles Temple will be a monthly event of the Walnut Creek Stake program, it was announced by Stake President Norman B. Creer.

First of the excursions was scheduled for January 17-18. They will be held the third Saturday of every month. Special busses will pick up passengers at Rodeo, Concord, and Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill Ward Chapels, leaving Walnut Creek about 8 to 8.15 Friday evenings. They will return after two sessions of temple work, so as to arrive in a plenty of time for Sunday activities in various wards.

Round-trip fares are \$10 a person. The busses have reclining seats for comfort and sleeping en route.

41 Take Part In Workshop On Genealogy

Forty-one persons appeared for the first session January 9 of a 10-week Genealogical Workshop held at Concord Ward Chapel, 3700 Concord Boulevard, under direction of Sister Mary Lou Harline.

Students were started immediately to work on their Books of Remembrance after a brief period of instruction. A handbook of instruction is furnished and materials to compile the books are available for purchase at cost at workshop sessions.

Those who complete the course successfully will receive certificates of graduation. Sister Harline announced. Later courses are contemplated if the popularity of the first one continues, she said.

The Workshop is an activity of the Walnut Creek Stake, sponsored by Jensen and Joseph R. Hilton.

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MORE THAN 100 PERSONS attended the opening meeting of the third Senior Aaronic School of the Walnut Creek Stake at Martinez, shown here at the meeting January 9. Total enrollment is 120 members of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood and their wives. Concord Second Ward and Bishop Ernest I. Adams supplied 40. Each of the 14-week schools has been larger than the previous one. A fourth school is planned for Pittsburg this spring. The schools are organized by Walnut Creek Stake President Norman B. Creer and are under supervision of his First Counselor Kenneth D. Jensen, and Joseph Brown of the Stake Senior Aaronic Committee. LeRoy Poll is director of the school.

Walnut Creek Stake Senior Aaronic Quorums Active In All 8 Wards

Neil Smith Wilkinson, December arrival at the home of Walnut Creek Ward's First Counselor Wells B. and Sister Lorraine Wilkinson, received his name and his father's blessing at the Walnut Creek Ward Sacrament Service January 6.

Neil was born December 2 at Idaho Falls where his mother had gone on a visit to her parents. He was welcomed by two older brothers and four sisters.

Brother Wilkinson was required to leave his family shortly afterwards on a six-weeks business trip to Japan.

Kathleen and Nancy, twin sisters and eldest children of Brother James and Sister Shirley Osborn, received their names and father's blessing the same evening. (Readers unable to understand the last sentence are advised to read these columns carefully for the next several months. — Ed.)

Vinal Mauss Joins Chapel of Flowers

Vinal G. Mauss, formerly bishop of Oakland Fourth Ward and now patriarch of Walnut Creek, Stake announces that he has become associated with the Chapel of the Flowers funeral parlors.

Since there are two of these Chapels of the Flowers, one in Berkeley and one in Walnut Creek, Brother Mauss states that he will be able to assist in LDS funerals in either section of the East Bay, in any part of the East Bay area, for that matter.

Patriarch Mauss has had considerable experience in the mortuary field, having been associated with the Colonial Mortuary in Oakland for several years prior to his being called to preside over the Japanese Mission.

He will continue to make his home in Walnut Creek, but will be on call and may be reached through the Chapel of the Flowers in either place.

Walnut Creek's Missionaries Baptize Nineteen

The missionaries laboring in the Walnut Creek Stake mission report for the month of December, 1957 shows 19 baptisms in that month in comparison with 10 in November. This brings the total baptisms for the year to 104, according to a report given out by President Robert W. Chalmers Jr.

The 46 missionaries in the stake mission were reported as spending an average of 20 hours each in the work in December, going out an average of ten times each and holding a total of 134 cottage meetings.

Of the total of 19 baptisms in December, eleven were reported by Concord Second Ward district, four in the Walnut Creek district, two in Pleasant Hill and one each in the Pittsburg and the Martinez districts.

Berkeley First

Ward's Special Interest Class Does Some Major Face-Lifting

Berkeley First Ward's Special Interest Class is trying out a "new look" for size in the form of revived programs to draw greater attendance and provide greater values for those who make the effort. Based on the theory that all programs of truly greater interest

can hope to draw attendance that is of special proportions, a new series of top attractions is being presented by the class each Wednesday in the Berkeley chapel lounge, and sometimes overflowing into the main chapel.

Apples Being

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joyed by those who buy in lots of three boxes, said Hallman.

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"An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but one or more boxes of these delicious apples in your home will directly contribute toward another house under the Lord on Temple Hill," said Redford. He and Brother Yorgason are assistants in the superintendency.

Programs presented in January, besides the notable lectures on "Western history and the Mormons by the U. C. PhD-candidate George Strebel, have included a talk on juvenile delinquency by Police Chief Thulin, El Cerrito, an "Honoring the Bishopric Night," a question-and-answer program on "Atomic Energy and You today and Tomorrow" by Russell H. Ball, research associate of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, and Meal Planning and Preparation by Winifred Bates.

The February bill of fare will offer: Wed. Feb. 5, "Night With the Tabernacle Choir and Church Leaders" on records by Sherwood, and Nico D. Snel on the piano, live; Feb. 12, Frank Parsons, Scriptural Readings and the Bodily Sisters in concert numbers; "Fun and Work while Attending a New Zealand High School" and Thomas Stewart Ferguson on "Current Diggings in Book of Mormon Lands."

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Two LDS Youngsters Triumph In Redwood City Art Competition

The Mormons ran away with the honors at the Little People's Coloring Contest in Redwood City. Two LDS youngsters, both members of Redwood City ward, won both first place for age group and for "best of show" for boys and for girls, respectively, among 423 entries.

The talented youngsters are Bruce Voyce, 8, and Debbie West, 7. They were each awarded \$5 for first prize and an oil painting set for best of show, which qualified them for the national contest.

Bruce won further honors when his entry placed fourth in the nationwide judging, being awarded a set of Junior Encyclopedia Britannica.

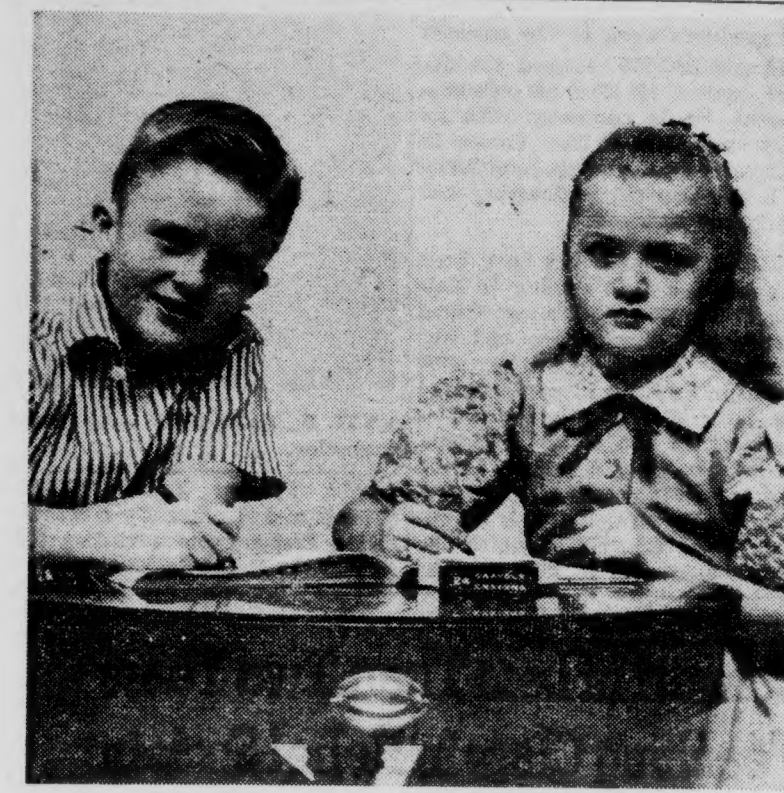
THIS IS DEBBIE'S first win, but Bruce has been winning contests since a bout with infectious mononucleosis at the age of four confined him to bed for six months with little else to do except color. He developed his technique to the point where he has entered at least two coloring contests each year since then, and he always has won a prize of some sort. Last year he was first for his age group in the

Redwood City contest.

Bruce has a number of tricks in coloring, for special effects. One is to put on the crayon, then scrape it, to give a glazed effect. Another is the use of sugar for sparkling snow scenes. "I do a lot of other things, too," Bruce says, "which I'm not telling about."

BRUCE IS GUARDING his secrets because he has ambitions to win first prize in the national contest (a \$500 award) before he's through. He has two more years to do it in, the age limit being ten. Debbie has three more years of contesting ahead of her.

Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kay Voyce, Debbie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. West, both of Redwood City.



CHAMPIONS—Judged "best of show" in the Little People's Coloring Contest at Redwood City were Bruce Voyce and Debbie West, both members of the Redwood City Ward.

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NEW BISHOPRIC—Sustained as leaders of the Redwood City ward were, (front row) Russell D. Rock, first counselor; Bishop William D. Brew; John G. Weaver, second counselor. Back row: Alonzo D. Bushnell, assistant clerk in charge of ward teaching; Ward Clerk Rondo B. Chatterley; Park W. Johnston, assistant clerk in charge of finance.

New Bishopric Is Sustained For Redwood City Ward

By Samuel W. Taylor

A tax accountant, an insurance administrator, a Naval personnel director, a business machine mechanic, a surety bond underwriter and a photographer of newborn babies have one thing in common in the Redwood City Ward—they were sustained as the new bishopric.

The accountant, Bishop William D. Brew, is from Shell, Idaho, and has been with the Western Pacific Railroad since 1942, part time while attending school and with time out for World War II, when he served as bombardier with the Air Force in the South Pacific.

He met and married Alma Barman of Louisiana while a student at the University of Utah. The marriage was in the Salt Lake Temple in 1949, and he graduated with a degree in business administration a year later and moved to Redwood City, commuting to his job in San Francisco.

HE IS NOW assistant to the general auditor—taxes, being responsible for all income and sales taxes for the Western Pacific. Bishop and Mrs. Brew have three children, Caroline, 8; William, 5; and Nancy Elaine, 7 months. His previous church positions included the offices of ward financial Clerk, Elders

with the Marine Corps during World War II, liked it better, and changed professions. He worked at the Naval Supply Base at Clearfield, Utah, after the war, then was transferred to Pocatello, Idaho, as industrial relations officer. He moved to Treasure Island for his work, and Redwood City to live, in 1954. He recently served as MIA Superintendent. He married Marcell Cowley in 1941 at the Salt Lake Temple.

A professional cook, Ward Clerk Rondo Chatterley felt enough was enough after being made mess sergeant during World War II, and since the war he has been a business machine mechanic for Price Typewriter Company in San Mateo. He married Sonja Egold of Philadelphia, who subsequently was converted. Chatterley was stake storekeeper before being sustained as ward clerk of the previous bishopric.

PARK JOHNSTON, assistant ward clerk in charge of finance, is a surety bond underwriter for General Insurance Company. His wife, Gerry, was a Mormon, and he was baptized in 1953. Since then, his Church activities have been as assistant scoutmaster and teacher of the Deacons.

Alonzo Bushnell, assistant ward clerk in charge of ward teaching, runs a business which photographs all new born babies at Sequoia, Mills, and Peninsula hospitals. He was formerly in the grocery business.

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ROLAND R. RENSHAW, chief of police of Los Altos, is an elder in the Los Altos Ward.

—Photo by Nerlin Jones.

Los Altos Ward

Elder Renshaw New Los Altos Police Chief

Ronald R. Renshaw, an elder in the Los Altos Ward, has been named chief of police of the city of Los Altos, effective February 1. He succeeds Joseph H. McClelland, resigned, who requested retirement.

Elder Renshaw joined the Los Altos police force as a patrolman in 1953, when the department was being organized and subsequently was advanced to lieutenant. He had six years of previous police experience, mostly in his native Salt Lake City and for a short period in Palo Alto. During World War II he served in the Navy for about six years.

In a community such as Los Altos, that is primarily residential, a top qualification for chief of police is skill and experience in public relations as well as proved ability in law enforcement. Lieutenant Renshaw received his advancement to chief on the basis of such a background, plus the added advantage of knowledge of local conditions. City officials sought no applications from outside sources.

Los Altos, now a city of more than 19,000 population, covers about six square miles. Its present police force consists of eight patrolmen, one sergeant, one lieutenant, and the chief. The force is motivated, and the city has an excellent reputation for law and order and freedom from major violations, a situation that Chief Renshaw expects to maintain.

In his new position of responsibility, Chief Renshaw has the encouragement and support of his wife, Donna, who is president of the Los Altos Ward's Relief Society. They have two sons and two daughters, ranging in age from 4 to 12. Their home is at 646 Panchita Way, Los Altos.

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New Los Altos Ward Bishopric Accents Spirituality and Youth

By Dallas S. Burch

The new Los Altos bishopric sustained during December, 1957, is already well known to its members and to many of those in other wards. Yet knowledge concerning the early life and general background of Bishop Gerald W. Sharp and his counselors, LeRoy H. Kratzer and Nyal D. McMullin, may be helpful in the further development of friendships, common interests, and effective work in the Church.

All three have a background of spirituality, based in each case on the influence of Latter-day Saints parents and religious environment during childhood.

Awards Given Redwood City MIA Members

Awards showered upon members of the Redwood City Ward's MIA during the month of January, a total of 48 being bestowed for meeting requirements of Church attendance and standards.

A brand new award, off the top of the heads of Burton Howard and Ethel Enger, who head the Young Men and Young Women, respectively, is the "Meet Me at Church" activity. To join the winner's circle, a member was required to attend Mutual, Sunday School and Sacrament meeting for three months while missing no more than a total of six meetings. A total of 33 young people qualified for the award, consisting of an hour's cruise on the Bay, with lunch on the boat.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS, for a 75 per cent attendance at Sunday School, Sacrament meeting and MIA, for a full year, while paying a full tithing, obeying the Word of Wisdom, participating in all class projects and joining a camping out project, were awarded fifteen girls. One of them, Winnie Varney, became eligible also for a pin because of 100 per cent attendance for six months.

Individual award winners were, Judy Alsop, Peggy Collins, Lynn Enger, Joan Hutchings, Karen Hunt, Judy Marshall, Pam Murdoch, Ruth Packer, Rubina Rivers, Ann Ross, Luzon Ross, Sandy Thomas, Winnie Varney, Gay Williams and Susan Woolley.

QUALIFYING FOR the "Meet Me at Church" award were, Gay Williams, Pam Murdoch, Winnie Varney, Lynn Enger, Sandy Thomas, Joan Hutchings, Linda Sanders, Rubina Rivers, Jill Thomas, Ruth Packer, Luzon Ross, Fatty Wallwork, Barbara Wise, Francis Judd, Judy Marshall, Judy Alsop, Susan Woolley, Ken Williams, LeRoy Cluff, Dick Ware, Jerry Martin, Todd Weaver, Allan Cassell, Wayne Bodily, James Jones, Darrell Martin, Stanley Hill, Douglas Alsop, Douglas Avery, Phil Bowman, Dave Clark, Garry Howard, and Barry Stratton.

The next "Meet Me at Church" project will run four months, and culminate in an award of an overnight camping trip.



GERALD W. SHARP . . . bishop.

Latter-day Saint home and received his early education in Utah. After graduating from its university in 1950, as an electrical engineer, he spent 3 1/2 years with the General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N.Y. and Ft. Wayne, Ind. He then came to Stanford University for graduate work in the business field and in 1955 received the degree master of business administration. He is currently with an electronics firm in San Carlos in a capacity that involves proficiency in both electrical engineering and marketing research.

His Church activities have been diversified. Before coming to California he was a Sunday School counselor, a scoutmaster, and was otherwise active, especially with youth. In both the Menlo Park and Los Altos Wards he has served as president of the elders' quorums. He has participated actively in the MIA in various positions of leadership. Nyal's wife, Betty, is a convert to the Church, of which she became a member in 1950. She has

taught in two Junior Sunday Schools and is currently a teacher in the Primary and a visiting teacher in the Relief Society.

San Mateo Ward

Convert of Less Than Two Years Teaching Class in Relief Society

By Fay Stoker

Wima Eustice, ward literature teacher, is a convert to the Church of less than two years. She looks like a fashion model more than a housewife and one would never guess she was raised on a dairy farm in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and rode a Shetland pony to school with her sister.

After finishing secretarial training at Iowa Wesleyan College she came to California "to get away and do something on my own," as she puts it. She was soon launched in a career as purchasing agent and secretary to the president of See-Bee Chemical Company in Los Angeles where she worked for seven years.

She was married to her job and

Redwood City

Baptisms, Promotions

The following promotions, blessings and baptisms were recorded in the Redwood City Ward during January:

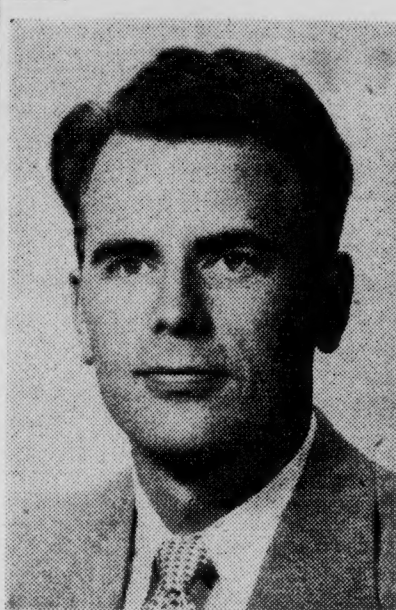
Senior Aaronic Priesthood: Kenneth Wallace, Robert Enger and Lester Jansen, ordained Teachers. Charles Tresnak, ordained Deacon. MIA: Marilyn Moore and Kent Weaver graduated from Primary to MIA. Kent also ordained Deacon.

Blessings: David Michael Brown, son of Albert E. Brown; Joseph Gwynne Marvin, III, and Melinda Jean Marvin, children of Lila Jean and Joseph Gwynne Marvin, Jr.; Leslie Ann Hyde, daughter of Grant and Mary Susan Hyde; Stanton Dure Jones, son of Fay and Georgine Jones.

Baptisms: Stephen C. Weaver, son of John and Marcell Weaver; Ed Jean Stokes, daughter of Edward C. and Shirley Stokes.



LEROY H. KRATZER . . . first counselor.



NYAL D. McMULLIN . . . second counselor.

taught in two Junior Sunday Schools and is currently a teacher in the Primary and a visiting teacher in the Relief Society.

Big Strides Taken In Genealogy

By Florence D. Marshall

During the year just passed, genealogically speaking, much was accomplished, but with a new year just beginning our hopes are high for 1958.

Largely through the inspiration gained in the Junior Book of Remembrance classes held throughout the stake, more than 1700 baptisms for the dead were performed in the Los Angeles Temple in 1957.

On October 5, the combined Menlo Park and Palo Alto Second Wards performed 532 baptisms. These young folk traveled by chartered bus, paying their own transportation. The Endowments performed for 1957 were 1400.

On January 10, 1958, at 9:30 p.m. a group sponsored by the Stake High Priest Quorum, their wives and stake auxiliaries, again boarded a chartered bus, attending two sessions at the temple in Los Angeles, returning by midnight Saturday. Ninety endowments were performed. The driver of the bus remarked he had driven many chartered bus groups, but this was the happiest, most friendly group he had ever taken on a trip, adding that he would like us to request his services when we again used the bus.

Another young group of 16 girls and 15 boys of Menlo Park Ward under the leadership of Brother George D. Hughes of the Ward Bishopric, and Ward Chairman, Merrill Heimendinger, with Sisters Nelle Hughes and Iva E. Minard as chaperones and 10 adults, left Menlo Park January 18 on one of the foggiest nights ever known in this area.

Uniting in prayer before leaving, they felt assured all would go well, though delayed in starting for two hours. They had traveled only 25 miles when the fog began to lift. They arrived at the temple at the appointed time and 642 baptisms and 10 endowments were completed.

Stanley R. Hurst is stake director of baptisms and Phyllis Greene, Junior leader.

Starting Thursday evening, February 6 at 8 p.m. in Palo Alto Chapel, corner of Addison and Guinda Streets, Christian Dolin, a member of the Genealogical Convention Board, and a researchist at the Society, will give a two hour workshop series the first Thursday of each month. It will consist of help in personal research, also locality research.

Brother Dolin is at present studying at Stanford University and also doing film research for the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City. He is a member of the Palo Alto Stake Genealogical Committee. He resides in Menlo Park Ward with his wife, Phyllis, daughter Patricia, and small son Paul Christian. Stake Chairman Jesse Marshall extends an invitation to all.

Egans Honored At Los Altos Holiday Party

In a surprise "This is Your Life" feature of its New Year's party, the Los Altos Ward expressed appreciation to its former bishop, Lyle B. Egan, and his wife, Delores, for their eight and one-half years of service and leadership. The script of the presentation, prepared and voiced by Venice Kratzer, declared that the energetic bishop had "worn out" ten counselors, most of whom had been assembled for the occasion and were with him on the platform.

In addition, various friends of his early life recited experiences of former days—all with dramatic effects, rivaling the familiar TV show. A series of colored slides depicted persons and places prominent in the bishop's career of business activity and service to the Church. At the conclusion of the program, ward members presented the Egans with the projector, screen and the slides that had been shown.

OTHER FEATURES of the New Year's party were preliminary social gatherings at the homes of several ward members, after which the various groups assembled in the chapel's Recreation Hall for dancing and other entertainment. A novel element of the dance was a make-believe but realistic five-piece orchestra consisting of life-size cut-out figures complete with musical instruments. Though recorded music was actually used, some dancers were not aware of this in the dimly lighted hall until it was announced that the orchestra figures were the artistic creation of Marilyn Sharp, wife of the present bishop.

Omega Pulley and Lynn Jorgensen entertained with a humorous dialog. At midnight, paper hats, serpentine paper, and noise makers gave a festive touch. The party culminated in a midnight supper of turkey, ham, and trimmings, topped with mince-pie turnovers. Upwards of 200 ward members and friends attended.

As usual, underneath the frivolity and tinsel of a New Year's party there was much well-organized preparation and other unseen but diligent work by committee members. As a practical example of an effective set-up as well as a token appreciation, the main organization of committees, under the general supervision of Lyle and Delores Egan, was as follows:

Music, Marilyn Sharp and Yvonne Nelson; Decorations, Roy Cella and MIA; Entertainment, Omega Pulley, Gwen Riches, and Lynn Jorgensen; Food, Leila Gates, Jessica Goates, and Alice Lassen; Publicity, Reed Francis and John Davis; Clean-up and handling of tables, Emerson McOmber and Senior Aaronic Priesthood. In addition many more willing workers prepared and served food and performed sundry tasks.

Ward Teaching for Year - 97.6%!

By Elizabeth Wells

"Mission accomplished" is the slogan of San Carlos ward teachers, San Mateo Stake, as their New Year's resolution made a year ago has netted them a 97.6 per cent record of Ward Teaching accomplished during the year 1957.

Foster Merrill, Ward Clerk in charge of Ward Teaching, declines to accept the glory for this accomplishment because, he says, responsibility was given to each district to "carry the ball" and not let the "team" down. An example of real leadership is this ability to make an organization into a "team."

The Ward was divided into three sections headed by Stephen Okey, Jack Leach and Howard Stickler. About the middle of each month

these men phoned the districts to see how the work was coming along. If there were any "fumbles," these men recovered them and even the members of the bishopric came in as "replacements" until they could report, "Mission accomplished." The ward's record for the last month of 1957 and the first month of 1958 is 100 per cent.

The Primary presidency, Jane Miller, Betty Fenlon and Elaine Pendleton report 100 per cent of their primary age children are attending regularly. They use the pick-up system, bringing children whose parents are unable to get them to Primary, or who just can't seem to find the time. The Primary teachers each load their cars to capacity and their classrooms

Carol Powell Tops Class Genealogical Contest

For completing 330 sheets of family history, pedigree charts, and other genealogical records, during the last four months of 1957, Carol Powell, of the Los Altos Ward, led a class of 23 participants and received as a prize a handsome powder-blue Book of Remembrance binder. Sunday School superintendent Emil Malmberg made the presentation January 12.

The competition, designed to stimulate interest in genealogical studies and records, resulted in the complication, by all class members of 974 pages. Thus the winner, with 330, produced more than a third of the class total. Experience in

the Los Altos Ward has shown that friendly competition among members of a group interested in genealogy not only increases the quantity of work but leads also to sociability and closer friendships.

For instance during a previous 3-month period the class divided itself into two groups led by Virginia Christensen and Beatrice Folsom. Each endeavored to excel in numbers of genealogical items, with the loser to provide a barbecue dinner and entertainment for the entire class, including the husbands or wives of members.

In the 3 months, the two groups produced a total of 530 items. The second group, calling itself the 3 G's (for Good Genealogical Gleaners), won by a slight margin and thus were the dinner guests. But, considering the impetus of genealogical work to sociability and friendships, there were actually no losers.

The Los Altos Sunday School genealogical class has a membership usually ranging between 20 and 25, all adults with a wide range of ages. Its teacher is Emerson McOmber. The ward's genealogical chairman is Robert Lassen, assisted by Leo Folsom and Gordon Mallin. The class extends a cordial invitation to visitors and prospective members.



CAROL POWELL, right, receives genealogical award from Sunday School Superintendent Emil Malmberg.—Photo by Robert Lassen.

Palo Alto Second Ward

Leroy Norton Wins Eagle Badge At P. A. Stake Court of Honor

By June Darby

At the Palo Alto Stake Court of Honor held in the Palo Alto Recreation Hall January 10 Leroy Norton, of the Palo Alto Second Ward, was presented with the Eagle Award.

Palo Alto Post 44, was host and the theme was "On the Trail of the Eagle."

The evening's program included: Invocation, Joe Andrus, Post 44, Palo Alto; Presentation of Colors, Troop 81, Sunnyvale; Pledge of Allegiance led by Jon Sanders, Troop 81; Group Song, "Trail of the Eagle," led by Brion Norton; Introduction by Paul Campbell of the Court Chairman, Bishop Thomas J. Curtis.

Awards were: Bill White, Palo Alto, First class; Victor Riches, Los Altos, Star; Don Greenwood, Sunnyvale, Merit Badges; Roy Kratzer, Los Altos, Explorer; Morris Ashton, Menlo Park, Eagle Palm.

Preceding the Eagle Award was a presentation by members of the Knights of Dunimas (Graduate Eagle Scouts, John Reed, Ben Burr, and Brion Norton). Mayor Noel Porter of Palo Alto presented the

badges to Leroy and Mrs. Don Norton. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Norton by Cub Scout Bruce Greene.

At the conclusion of the Court of Honor, Leroy and Brion Norton showed slides and narrated experiences at the World Scout Jamboree held in England.

Benediction was given by LeGrand McOmber.

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Eldin Gardner Back at the UC

Dr. Eldin J. Gardner, formerly a young East Bay missionary, and later a graduate student of the University of California where he obtained the doctor of philosophy degree, is again in Berkeley, this time for more work at the University.

Now a professor of zoology at the Utah State University at Logan, Utah, Dr. Gardner is doing advanced work at the local university during his sabbatical leave from the USU. His special field of interest is genetics.

Elder Gardner visited Berkeley First and Second Wards, Sunday, January 5, and stated that he will be with us for some time, and is glad to be back and renew old acquaintances and make some new ones.

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The Bishopric brought the old year to a close with a resounding jar. They surely know how to keep a secret because not a word of warning slipped out in advance of "open night." And every one tried to shrink smaller into his seat as the Bishop arose and said, "well, as you've all noticed, we have no speakers sitting on the platform tonight so will Brother Swenson, Brother Childs, Norman Lefler, Venna Smith, Pat Tanner and Chris Politis please come up here and take your places." It was agreed by all that the talks given by these perfect examples of minute men were really inspiring.

Thoughts and individual prayers of ward members are with Brother Frank Miller who had an operation just before Christmas. His incision wasn't healing well and had to be reopened Jan 6th. We have missed him at our Ward functions and are looking forward soon to his complete recovery.

Congratulations to the four new Seventies, Clarence Gibby, Everett Henry, Norman Lefler and Everett Taylor. These fine men were ordained by President Marion D. Hanks, who explained the careful selection of them and the importance of their calling.

MISSION WARD had its first Family Dinner of the year January 17, and what a success! Delicious Swiss steaks, baked potatoes, peas, salad and homemade cake comprised the meal.

Highlight of the evening was when the "Showboat" came sailing onto the stage, bringing a wealth of talent heretofore lying dormant. The roles were perfectly cast, with Jim McAlister as the glib barker keeping the show moving. Judy Thompson was the lovely and fetching Card Girl. Rose Childs was "Miss MacGurgle" and did a delightful rendition of "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" and "The Curse of an Aching Heart" in perfect costume and mannerisms.

The audience was thrilled at the dancing, strutting, Floradora Girls and amazed that the young mothers of the ward could maintain such a well-coordinated chorus line. "Al Jolson" was enacted by Charles Hilder, who took the audience back many years with his songs. "Rich and Scratch" were the comedians of the evening and were none other than lovable Bishop Lefler and Brother Barber under the ragged costumes and dim lights. John Reeves was the lightfooted "Fred Is Scared" and tapped out a neat dance. Everything was perfect to the most minute detail of the old "Showboat" days. Lenora Barber is to be commended for planning such an outstanding show and Delores Lambert and John Reeves for the artistic and realistic Showboat

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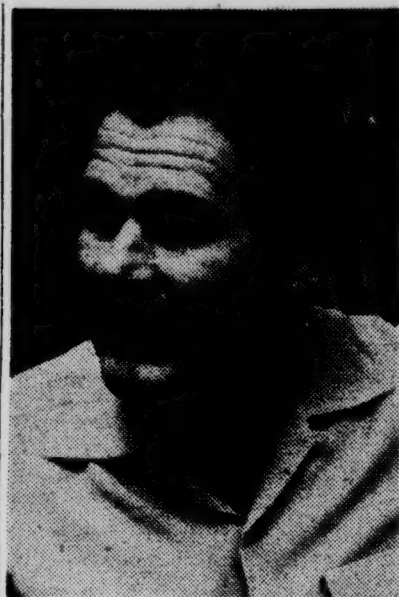


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Devere Baker

Builder of 'Lehi' To Give Lecture At San Rafael

Devere Baker, peripatetic ship-builder and lecturer, will present a lecture and motion picture show on "The Adventures of the Lehi" at the San Rafael Ward Chapel Friday February 7, at 8 p.m.

The presentation is free and open to the public, according to Bishop Coombs of the San Rafael Ward.

Baker is widely known as the builder and sailor of a series of rafts named Lehi. He is currently completing a raft on which he hopes to sail from the Middle East to Central America, as recounted in the Book of Mormon.

He has attempted shorter "shake-down" voyages before attempting the long trip, the latest of which was a successful journey down the California Coast last spring. His earlier trips ended with rescues by a banana boat and the Coast Guard.

Since landing in the Los Angeles area Baker has appeared on a number of radio and television shows and has presented lectures before clubs and organizations.

Success of his trans-ocean voyage would demonstrate how a civilization of the Old World came to the New World centuries before Christ, Baker maintains.

Baker was a Sausalito boat builder before he moved to Petaluma, where he built his boats. In recent talk before San Rafael Rotarians he said that the civilization brought to Central America by those long-ago voyages was wiped out by war. He warned against a modern war which would wipe out today's civilization and leave only its relics to be found by some later generation who will wonder, "Who built these? And what happened to them?"

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Seminary Class Dinner Dance

By Judi Tomlinson

A Snow Queen, a flurry of snowflakes, an excellent buffet supper and wonderful music, all added up to one thing for the members of San Rafael Ward: Winter Wonderland, a semi-formal dinner dance, presented January 17, by the Seminary class. Guilanee Trotter as class president, headed activities, with Doug McLean, Ann Canann, Doug Ingram, Cheryl Lynn, and Judi Tomlinson assisting. The Seminary was also featured by an article and picture in the Deseret News, December 28.

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the proud parents of a baby girl, their fourth, born January 8. Bishop Stevenson of Novato Branch was released when he and his family moved to San Rafael Ward.

Al Puessy, son of Sister Belva Galovich, has recently returned from the New Zealand Mission. Congratulations to Sister Mary McKeon, who was recently baptized.

Louis and Jim Tomlinson will be made Eagle Scout at a Father-Son Court of Honor at the Church in February. This is the first event of its kind in Marin County and San Francisco Stake. It is truly a wonderful highlight to the many years of Scouting for this father-son team.

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Glen T. Farnworth is Sustained As New Member of the Bishopric

By Lenore Wood

The Claremont Ward bishopric has been reorganized under the direction of the Stake Presidency.

Delvar R. Carter who has acted as first counselor with Bishop Joseph E. Wood was released with a sincere vote of thanks for his faithful service and Glenn T. Farnworth was sustained as the new member of the bishopric. Ernest J. Ahlborn was sustained as first counselor and Brother Farnworth as second counselor.

Brother Carter will be leaving the ward in the near future to live in the Hayward Stake which is more convenient to his employment. Del and Donna will always be loved and remembered by the ward membership.

Brother Farnworth and his wife Carolyn are not strangers as both have been active in the ward.

Glenn Terry Farnworth was born in Biggs, Calif. July 12, 1928, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Levan A. Farnworth. He has three brothers and one sister, all faithful in the gospel. Glenn's early schooling was in Biggs where he was president of the high school student body. He was a letter-man in track, football and basketball. He attended the University of California two years before entering the U. S. Navy Air Force. He flew 62 missions over Korea from the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals. He holds the rank of Lieutenant in the reserve.

After leaving service Glenn entered the University of Utah School of Pharmacy where he was president of the student branch of the American Pharmacy Ass'n. He presently manages the Exclusive Pharmacy in Oakland.

Glenn was a member of Gridley Stake for many years. In this stake Glenn's mother served on the Primary Board for thirty years.

In Claremont Ward Glenn taught the M-Men Class before taking over as Scoutmaster where he has given outstanding service. He was a member of Lambda Delta Sigma on both University Campuses. He met his wife, the former Carolyn Teerlink, at the University of Utah and they were married in August, 1955.

Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius G. Teerlink of Salt Lake City, one of seven children. She attended the University of Utah for two years, and has been active in the Church. Positions she has held include, stake organist, MIA speech director, Gleaner Leader, Junior Sunday School organist, MIA Maid teacher and Primary teacher.

The Fourth Quorum of Elders was reorganized on January 19 when Calvin D. Wood was released as president along with his counselors. The new presidency includes Marvin Moss, president, Douglas Hinkley, first counselor, and Wilford Ruf as second counselor. Harold Simons continued as secretary.

Bishopric members have seen the preliminary plans for the TWO WARD AND STAKE BUILDING and are excited about them. They are now busy making definite plans for monthly pledges to be made by all wage earners. With everyone giving his fullest and cooperating to the utmost it is hoped that actual construction will be under way by the end of this year.

At this writing the Beehive girls of this ward and from other wards were excitedly making their way to the Stake Slumber Party at the Stake House with a breakfast Saturday morning and a testimony meeting afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Elward Roberts announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Donald Neale Melville. Donald's parents are Donald Neale and Ann Melville of San Francisco. The happy young couple are planning a fall wedding.

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Mrs. Redding Dies In L. A.

Audrey Clark Redding, editor of the California Intermountain News in Los Angeles since 1939, died January 7 in a Los Angeles hospital.

Mrs. Redding was the wife of Ned Redding, publisher of the weekly tabloid newspaper circulated among Latter-day Saints in the Southland. She also had been editor of "This Week in Los Angeles" since 1946 and had been associated with other Ned Redding publications.

Her death resulted from a stroke suffered on Sunday noon, "two days before her death."

She was a native of Ogden, Utah, born May 22, 1911, a daughter of Guy and Marion Clark.

Before her marriage she taught ballet and interpretive dancing, and created and directed a ballet for the first MIA convention held in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Redding served in many capacities in the Church and for a number of years was a teacher and coordinator in Junior-Sunday School in Vermont Ward.

Challenging Genealogical Census In S. F.

"Genealogy students of the various wards in San Francisco Stake will have a splendid opportunity to avail themselves of practical missionary approaches in fact gathering during the month of February 1958," said Chairman Edgar L. Williams, of the Stake Genealogical Committee.

With the increasing demand for Family Pedigree Charts and the accompanying Family Group Sheets, it is certain that many families in the wards are holding completed work of many departed relatives in Books of Remembrance, yet the individual names have never been sent to the Index Bureau for clearances that the Baptisms, Endowments, and Sealings may be completed with expediency.

MANY FAMILIES have their own reasons for holding on to names and books of departed relatives and friends, but none of them are paramount to the great request of Church Authorities to forward names. With the daily increase of source materials and micro films being made available at Utah Genealogical Library, it is also certain that the problem that caused any Family Group Sheet to be delayed, may be solved from other channels of research.

Mrs. G. E. Schier, stake research consultant, notes, "It is not unusual for students to present Family Charts, dated as early as 1925, and then be surprised that they may be completed by merely forwarding \$5.00 for Survey Data from the Index Bureau. Others rejoice, when their families have been published in some of the Genealogical Magazines, and may be finished for the mere copying of the Periodical Department, of the Public Library. But somehow they fail to forward names except when the ward leaders impress on them it is their responsibility to forward them."

STUDENTS HAVE reported many books from departed kin and friends that could be copied and forwarded to the Utah Genealogical Society, so that the material could be utilized by others active in completed known family lines or the unreported baptism or marriages from existing Family Bibles. Stake Class is held every Wednesday Evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Mission Chapel on 26th Street, between Guerrero and Dolores Street. This census of genealogical students will no doubt bring long-sought books and materials to class attention.

'Put On Thy Sandals'

By E.V. Schier

This is the text, "But Peter continued knocking." (Acts 12:16) that many novices in the genealogical field should heed, for in the early stages of gathering family facts it is so easy to walk out or turn your back on the dull assignments.

Many settle back in some grim frustration, shrug their shoulders and say, "What is the use? I'm getting nowhere. The teacher just keeps talking, suggesting what to do and where to write, but does nothing personal for you in the class."

We are certain they must have had many doubts on that uncertain journey.

Oftentimes we do not know exactly what it is we seek—uncertain names and probable locations, and undetermined relationships, yet we know the work must be completed while we are alive. Our dead do not want excuses, they want results, for all our lives are a venture in faith, and the path is an unknown way, but we must remember, what the angels said to Peter with admonition, "Put on thy sandals," meaning for "God will always do for you what you cannot do yourself; but God will never do for you what can do for yourself."

Feeling sorry for yourself may lead you from panic to the coldness of cynicism and embitterment, in spite of the humble loyalty and devotion of the teacher fully qualified, who refused to say "Why should I care?" but stands steadfast with the determination to help you—for "You cannot be saved without your dead."—D & C.

WHEN PETER DID a martyr's death in Rome, he made no outcry because of his cruel fate, but asked that he be crucified head-downwards. He thought it no strange thing to suffer for Christ. In our daily quest for names for the salvation of our departed through Temple Work, we should be always aware that we must be ever-willing to suffer adversity, setbacks in research, even money losses from ill-selected methods for our problems, for this sacrificial suffering is in the very structure of our redemption.

There is also a significant comparison between the Star of Bethlehem and genealogy. The Three Wise Men made their journey without its light. No wonder they rejoiced when it shone at the journey's end, and the promise of the Infant Redeemer was to be fulfilled.

WARD TEACHING

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future will bring joy to two young couples and their parents.

Sandra McCabe, daughter of Mrs. Harold S. Manwaring will be married to Lester (Skip) Nelson, February 24. The reception will be held in San Carlos Ward.

Sherrie Stevens, daughter of former San Carlos Ward Bishop Claude and Melba Stevens is planning her Temple wedding in the near future to William M. Scott of Los Angeles.

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The Mormon Trek
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By Wallace Stegner

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"Mainly Welshmen and Englishmen from the depressed collieries and mill towns, mainly the unsuccessful and poor, they were life's discards.

"But their intention was so impudent that it was almost sublime . . .

"Perhaps their suffering seems less dramatic because the handcart pioneers bore it meekly, praising God instead of fighting for life with the ferocity of animals and eating their dead to keep their own life beating, as both the Donner and Fremont parties did.

"And assuredly the handcart pioneers were less hardy, less skilled, less well equipped to be pioneers. But if courage and endurance make a story of human kindness and helpfulness and brotherly love in the midst of raw horror worth record, this half forgotten episode of the Mormon migration is one of the great tales of the West of America. (from July 6th 1956 Collier's Magazine, illustrated)

Holdings of Church In Florida
Now Up To 360,000 Acre Total

The recent addition of 42,000 acres of land brings the total holdings of the Church in Florida to 360,000 acres.

The Rudolphus Keene ranch, recently acquired, includes about 42,000 acres in Osceola and Brevard counties, running along the St. Johns river for 12 miles. It is heavily timbered with 5,000 acres of improved pastures. Its cost to the Church was reported to be \$3,700,000. The sale includes 4,000 head of Brahma cattle and 500 Santa Gertrudis cattle.

The sale rounded out a huge block of land in the tri-county area surrounding the Keene Ranch which the LDS Church has been developing since 1950. Drainage ditches have been constructed to clear the area of excess water in the rainy season, and irrigation in drought periods.

The church has built 200 miles

of roads and installed artesian wells.

Dave Hawkins, assistant to Leo Ellwood, multimillionaire farmer from Arizona and manager of the properties, said in April that "Orlando Livestock Co. was incorporated under the name of its five directors, but it always has been owned by the Church."

The property was incorporated by the Church because it believes in paying taxes, Hawkins said. As direct Church holdings, the land would have been tax exempt.

Hawkins said, "We have about 12,000 cattle now; about 50 people work on the ranch, and 20 families live on the ranch. Nine of the families are LDS."

Hawkins said there are about 27,000 acres of improved pasture. The Church has a goal of 500,000 acres by 1958.

Genealogical
Inquiries
Column

William H. Evans, of Oakland, president of the Universal Library Association, announces that through his organization he hopes to bring small libraries all over the world into association with one another.

Inquiries on genealogical research can be made through this column. Please address William H. Evans, 4016 Fourteenth Street, Oakland 1. Here are the first inquiries:

MRS. LUCIE EVANS CARR, Route 1, Lorenzo, Idaho, wants ancestors of Ambrose Evans, born April 13, 1814; (?) at Montgomery County, Tennessee (?) Died April 1899, same place. Married Nancy Jane Dycus, born 1818. Mrs. Carr also wants information about Aaron Green Stinson, born June 11, 1828, Stewart County, Tennessee. Died June 18, 1894, Tennessee (?). Married Tabitha Jane Bumphus, born January 24, 1834, Montgomery County, Tenn.; died March 28, 1902.

CECELIA DRAPER, 5118 Deane Ave., San Diego 17, Calif., wants information on Edward Thomas,

born at Merthyr, Tydfil, South Wales, England. Married Cecelia Evans, born about 1764 at Venor, Glamorganshire, England.

MRS. MOLLIE DUCKLAIR, 1130 Larkin Street, San Francisco, would like information on Lewis Thomas Evans, born 1802, in Wales, England. Died July 8, 1891, in Kidwelly, South Wales. Married Margaret Thomas, born 1815 in Wales, died March 2, 1897.

She also needs information on John Jones, born 1804, in Wales, died December 17, 1882. Married November 20, 1829, to Elizabeth Jenkins, born 1805; died October 4, 1890.

MRS. DEVORA SNYDER, 338 West 100 North St., George, Utah, wants information on the TEW Line.

For those interested in English research, we have been given the name of the Duke de Morea, Vectis House, 157 Gurney Court Road, St. Albans, Herts, England, as a skilled genealogist.

REDWOOD CITY (continued from page 5)

ess in Salt Lake City, and has served three missions, one to California and two stake missions. His wife, Dorothy, also served on a California mission. His Church positions have included Sunday School Superintendent and Superintendent of the MIA.

Things As
They Are

"With All Thy Heart"

By I. B. Ball

We mortals are never so happy as when we love. Every one of us knows that to be true. Everyone has actually experienced this joy of loving another. Therefore everyone has a "testimony" that to love is know supreme joy.

True, we may lose that love; it may grow cold. But if we lose it, if it grows cold, we also know no longer supreme happiness. But we still know that to love is to be supremely happy.

These reflections are pertinent to the subject of study for the current year of the higher priesthood quorums of the Church, the book, Our Lord of the Gospels. The purpose of the study is to come to love the Lord.

It has been well said that when the Lord gave the first commandment to love the Lord with all our hearts, he thereby was telling us how to be supremely happy.

"IF YOU DO NOT love the Lord," says Prof. Momerie, "It must be because you do not know Him. Either he is seldom in your thoughts or you think of Him as a dogma rather than as a person."

"Try and picture Him to yourself as of old He lived and talked and worked in Palestine. Remember now wonderfully, like no one before or since, He combined all conceivable excellences."

Prof. Momerie, in his book, "Defects of Modern Christianity" goes on to elaborate these excellences of Jesus.

"He had the tenderness of the most womanly woman, and at the same time the strength of the manliest man."

"He lived much with God, but this seemed to bring Him only nearer to man. He delighted in solitary communion, but He was also fond of mingling with His neighbors at their social meetings and festivals."

"HE MINISTERED to men and women in their bereavements and in their diseases. He was not unkind of their hunger and thirst. He had the most sensitive nature which yearned inexpressibly for sympathy, yet for that he never swerved from the path of duty."

"He avoided no effort, he shrank no sacrifice, he shrank from no anguish by which he might serve the race in revealing God and reconciling man."

"Think of this and much more in that sad, beautiful, sublime career. Think of Him till your love has made you like Him."

"Nothing short of this will make you what Christ would call a Christian. Except ye eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of man, ye have no light in you."

THE AIM, we repeat, of the study of the Lord's life in this year's priesthood quorum classes is precisely that we may be happy, joyous and free souls, our sometimes cold hearts melted in frevent love of the Jesus, singing truly the Sunday School favorite song: "Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast, But sweeter far thy face to see And in thy presence rest."

But we will need to read and meditate well each lesson, and thus allow the magic of His life to work its power in us individually. It will, without one single exception, you know, if we will but expose ourselves to its charm. And this is life supreme.



ELDER THOMAS E. MCKAY . . .

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died recently in Salt Lake City after a long illness. He was 82. Elder McKay, born October 29, 1875 in Huntsville, Utah, was a brother of President David O. McKay. Appointed Assistant to the Twelve in 1941, he had served as president of Weber Stake and fulfilled three missions to Europe, two of them as Mission president. He had been teacher, principal and superintendent in Weber County Schools, was a state senator, member of the Utah Service Commission and taught at Utah State University.

New Humanities
Magazine at BYU

A new humanities magazine, "The Wasatch Review," is being established by Brigham Young University, and the first issue will appear in the early summer of 1958. It was announced today by Dr. Clinton F. Larson, editor and associate professor of English.

Dr. Larson said the magazine will contain imaginative writing as well as scholarly articles about literature, languages, history, the fine arts, and philosophy.

"The executive committee and the editors envision a magazine to appeal not only to scholars and professional writers but also to those who have a general, but serious interest in humanistic study," he said.

HE EXPLAINED that the reader will find essays, poems, and stories that will tempt him to study or to browse, also historical articles and reviews of books particularly interesting to LDS readers. The editors invite contributions from scholars and writers who wish a perceptive audience in the Intermountain West.

In addition to Dr. Larson, the executive committee includes Dr. Samuel C. Monson, associate professor of English at BYU, associate editor; Dr. Leonard W. Rice, professor of English and dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; Ernest L. Olson, assistant professor of English and chairman of university publications; R. Kent Fielding, assistant professor of history; Dr. Edward L. Hart, associate professor of English; Conan E. Mathews, associate professor and chairman of the Art Department; Dr. Lewis M. Rogers, assistant professor of religion; and H. Darrel Taylor, associate professor of modern languages.

THE EDITORIAL board will consist of the above members and in addition J. Roman Anderson, associate professor of art and education; Clawson Y. Cannon Jr., assistant professor of music; Dr. Preston R. Gledhill, associate professor of speech; Ralph Hanson, archivist of the University Library; and Gustave O. Larson, assistant professor of Church History and philosophy.

Olson said contributions should be sent to the editor at Box 17, McKay Building, and subscription requests to the Office of University Publications, 11 PRA, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

Mrs. Eva Derrick of Balboa Ward had an unusual opportunity to serve as an assistant in the hands of the Lord in overcoming bitter prejudice against the Latter-day Saints in Marietta, Georgia, while residing there in recent years. Her unselfish efforts, her faith and courage are best told in her own words:

"When we moved to Georgia from the west, we bought a home in Marietta where there were only two other Mormon families. It was necessary for us to drive 23 miles to Atlanta for meetings and it wasn't long until my husband was installed as branch president there.

"I became active in the Marietta P.T.A. organization and was elected program chairman for the year. I soon felt great inner need to teach the gospel to these fine people with whom I was so pleasantly associated, but I did not know how to begin. There was great prejudice against Mormon people in the entire area. The missionaries had been denied permission to preach here for many years by the police department. It had been in this region in July, 1878, that Joseph Standing, a young Mormon missionary had been cruelly martyred by an armed mob.

"I WENT to my Heavenly Father in prayer and asked Him to let me be an instrument in His hands to soften the hearts of these fine people that they might know the goodness of the gospel. About this time, we held a cottage meeting in our home, inviting all of our neighbors to hear four young Mormon elders, known as the "Centennial Quartet."

"They were then beginning a tour of the Southern States Mission. They sang so gloriously and their talks were so humble and inspiring that I knew our neighbors were greatly interested.

The next morning as I was washing breakfast dishes, I was thinking of the beautiful program these young missionaries had given and was wishing that others could hear it. In response to my unspoken desire, a voice prompted me to go to the superintendent of schools in Cobb County and that he would help me. Searching in the telephone book I learned that his name was Mr. Ansley and that his office was about eight blocks from our house.

PRAYING every step of the way, I timidly went to his office and asked him if he would like an excellent program for the next Marietta High School Assembly. I proudly told him that I had three children in that school and if it were not an excellent program, I wouldn't want them to hear it. I enthusiastically promised him that I knew he would like it.

"He looked at me strangely and said, 'If it's as good as you say it is, it will be all right as soon as I call the principal to arrange a convenient time.' In answer to his call, the principal requested the quartet for the very next morning.

"I ran almost all of the way home—called the Mission Home and made arrangements for this all important event. By seven o'clock the next morning the Centennial Quartet members were in our home. They were surely inspired by the Lord in the High School Assembly as they sang with almost divine beauty, 'Come, Come Ye Saints,' 'O My Father,' 'O Ye Mountains High' and other beloved hymns. Their musical program was greatly enriched by their sincere presentation of the high points of Church history.

"Mr. Ansley was in attendance and he brought the chief of police. The performance was so excellent that it was requested again the following morning at the Junior High School and within that week at four other Marietta schools. Not only that but the missionaries were given a fifteen minute spot on the radio for nearly a year after that.

"In June of 1957 it was our thrill to witness the creation of a Marietta Branch in the newly organized Georgia Stake with headquarters at Atlanta. The Lord truly works miracles through us, when we least expect it."

Deone Sutherland's Prize Story
In Jan. Relief Society Magazine

By Mildred Fontano

Of 48 stories entered in the annual Relief Society Magazine story contest, the one written by our own Deone R. Sutherland of Oakland Fourth Ward, received the winning money. Her story, entitled "The Day We All Went to Rainbow Springs," appeared in the January issue.

Sister Sutherland is a member of Oakland Fourth Ward, where she maintains a beautiful home for her husband and three children. She is a graduate of the University of Utah.

Twice before has the Bay Area been represented by a winner—Vera Mayhew won the contest twice.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Stokes of Castro Valley Ward recently gave their daughter, Edna Marie, in marriage to Don Louis Van Noy, son of the Herbert Van Noy of Oakland Third. They were married in the Los Angeles Temple and a reception was given for them in the Hayward Chapel December 28. Don and Marie are at the BYU, where Don is working for his master's degree and Don broadcasts over KXXX, Provo. He fulfilled a mission in The Netherlands.

Robert Peterson of the Alameda Ward bishopric and his family had a narrow escape when an inebriated man came toward the Peterson car on the wrong side of the road. The car was badly damaged but the Petersons luckily escaped with minor bruises.

Herbert Van Noy's car was hit broadside in Oakland when a woman drove through an intersection stop light. Brother Van Noy suffered bruises and shock. Don Van Noy and his bride overturned on an ice

patch on their return to Provo, but were not seriously hurt.

Joseph C. Eyring of Berkeley First Ward, formerly of the State High Council, is the new president of the Berkeley Realty Board, having been inducted into office in January. He and his wife LaVon attended an indoctrination meeting for new board presidents at a state meeting in Los Angeles.

LeRoi B. Gardner, also of Berkeley First Ward, has taken over as president of the Berkeley Kiwanis Club. He is a past-president of the realty board.

Dr. Melvin G. Hart has been elected president of the hospital staff of Merritt Hospital. He was vice president last year.

Past president of the Oakland Stake Delbert F. Wright, and wife Gertude, spent Christmas holidays in the Bay Area. He is working in Minneapolis, Minn.

Marine Lt. George Pinkney Jr., and wife Jerry spent the holidays in Oakland. George is stationed at Panama City, Florida, attending radar school, from which he will graduate in six weeks, then return to El Toro, Calif., for further study.

Tom Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hopkins, of Berkeley Second Ward, was home with his parents from U.S. Service in Washington, D.C.

A full busload of Temple workers journeyed to Los Angeles on Jan-

Berkeley First

Ward Honors
Bishopric On
Special Night

By Dorothy Perry

Bishop J. Leland J. Fife of Berkeley First Ward and his two counselors, Mack Hughes and Carl E. Johnson and wives were guests of honor of the M.I.A. Adult Class January 15. President of the Special Interest Class and Instructor George L. Strebel planned an unusual program and party for the hard-working bishopric.

Other guests on the stand were department heads in the ward, and representing the Stake Presidency was President Delbert H. Rock. Interesting short talks were given by the bishopric on "Being Broad Winners While Being in the Bishopric." Elder Strebel presented a short class lesson on "The Importance of the Bishopric."

"The bishop's position is the most important in the Church," he said as an opening remark.

LeRoi B. Gardner spoke representing past bishops of the ward and Frederick "Blackie" Hulsh represented each member of the bishopric with a copy of "Eternal Quest" by Hugh B. Brown. Two organ solos were played by Mary Burton. Don Nelson sang "Stout Hearted Men," dedicated, naturally, to the bishopric.

Following the program the bishopric members, including Ward Clerk Emerton D. Williams and his two assistants, Russell Horinchi and Palmer Clark, and their wives, were in the reception line to receive the thanks of those who love them.

Highlight of the evening was a poem by Margaret Fife on the life of a bishop's wife. (She admitted maintaining a good ward choir.



JOSEPH C. EYRING—newly inducted president of Berkeley Realty Board, is a former member of the High Council in Oakland-Berkeley Stake and was a leader in Stake Farm and many other Church activities. He is broker-owner of the Eyring Realty Company in Berkeley. Last year he was chairman of the committee handling financing of the new Berkeley Realty Board building. He is a member of Berkeley First Ward.

(that in spite of all the work—she loves it!)

Tuesday nights will be family nights, it was decided by vote of heads of auxiliaries at a meeting January 6. Ward members are requested to spend the evening with their families and not plan other Church activities on this night.

For several years Harold J. Glenn has led the ward choir with distinction. In response to his request he was released with many thanks from the ward. Donald Nelson will be the new leader and members of the bishopric ask that he be given full cooperation in the ward choir.

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Richmond Ward

New Counselors
Are Named As
Funds Increase

By Catherine R. O'Connor

A change in composition of the Bishopric and activities to enrich the ward building fund were highlights of the new year's first month for Oakland-Berkeley Stake's 1000-member Richmond Ward.

Regretfully accepting the resignation of First Counselor Merwyn D. Riddle, whose business will keep him out of the city until fall, Bishop Harold E. DeLaMare called him "a hundred percent" in church activity, always ready to answer any call.

Elder Riddle has served four years in the bishopric, first in the former East-Richmond Ward, and since the October 21 merger, in the Richmond Ward.

THE MEMBERSHIP approved unanimously the selection of Howard N. Child as first counselor and Ronald E. Ashcroft as second counselor in the bishopric on January 19. Elder Child was formerly second counselor and Elder Ashcroft has served as Sunday School superintendent in both the past and present Richmond ward.

Pre-merger bishops Clinton H. Esperson and Ernest Henderson with their counselors, were honored at a ward social January 10. Elder Robert Baker was chairman of the affair, for which the Relief Society served refreshments provided by ward members. In appreciation of their service, the honored guests were presented with books and potted plants.

Approximately \$200 was realized from sale of Christmas trees at the El Cerrito lot, Bishop DeLaMare reported. Sponsored by the Eighth Quorum of Elders, with assistance from ward members, the sale was coordinated by President Joseph Giovanini and Elders Stanley Ruggles and Thomas Young. Proceeds will go to the welfare and building funds.

OTHER PROJECTS to enrich the building fund in January were a ward dinner, sponsored by the Sunday school, January 24 and a production of the comedy "A Doctor In Spite of Himself," January 31. Featuring members of the Mutual Improvement Association, the play was directed by Sister Lucy Thompson, YMMIA activity counselor, with assistance from Robert McIntyre, YMMIA activity counselor.

The February ward dinner, also for the welfare and building funds, will be sponsored by the Relief Society on February 21.

New Stake Missionaries, welcomed into the Richmond district this

Oakland Fourth

Sunday Program
To Be Presented
By Scout Groups

By Vera Johnston

The first Sunday evening meeting in February will feature a program by Boy Scouts and Explorers as part of anniversary week. In January, the genealogical group presented the program. All auxiliaries were represented.

Ward dinners during 1957 provided financially successful. Members are asked to support those scheduled for this year. First one was by the genealogical society January 31. The February dinner will be put on by the Elders' quorum. Date will be announced in meetings during the month.

The Oakland Fourth ward Bishopric is making a concentrated effort to activate all Senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood, and all men of that age group. Brothers Guy D. Smith and James Tait have been sustained as counselors to President Bartlett Johnson in the Senior Teachers' quorum. Brother Joseph Orrenette has been set apart as president of Senior Deacons.

The Bishop has been busy! Out of 242 tithing payers, only 108 reported for tithing settlement. The bishop has to report to the church officials in Salt Lake City the number and names of all who are full tithing payers and those who are not. If one neglects to inform the bishop he has to decide for the payer and make the report. Sometime the bishop may be mistaken and report that a full tithing payer is only a partial payer.

Babies blessed in January were James Paul Thomas and Stephen Walter Judson. Those confirmed members were Roberta L. Cragun, Harlen Vernon Betteljohn and Dorothy, his wife.

San Leandro Ward

Fireside Group
Views Slides

By Marilyn Nelson

The Fireside group of San Leandro Ward was fortunate to have Ed Handley from Albany show slides of the Orient on January 12.

Young people who are attending year are Sister Loretta Johnson, formerly active in YMMIA and junior Sunday school and Elder Marvin Roland. They will work with Elder Jay M. Hatch, district president and Sister Catherine O'Connor.

Oakland Ward

Box-a-Month Candy Club To Swell Building Funds

Announcing the "Box-a-Month Club" for Temple Hill Candy, the Genealogical Committee of Oakland Ward is starting a new drive to raise its quota of ward building funds through the sale of Temple Hill Candy.

With a sale of 80 pounds at the ward bazaar in November and 170 pounds during the Christmas holidays, Temple Hill Candy has already proved itself in high favor with members of the ward. The bulletin announcing the "Box-a-Month Club" reads in part as follows:

"Members of Oakland or any ward are invited to join. There is

no initiation fee. Dues are as little as \$1.00 a month—and you get it all back and much more in delicious Temple Hill candy.

"You join the Club for six months. For \$1 monthly you receive a pound box of the newest and finest in homemade candy. For \$1.50 monthly you receive half as much again of the same delicious confection.

There is no reason why you shouldn't enroll for two or more boxes monthly of either size and a lot of reasons why you should:

"Divinity that melts in your mouth... several kinds of rich, just-cious fudge... wonderful chocola-

tes... stuffed dates and coated nuts... a delightful assortment to suit every taste!

"The biggest reason of all for joining is that all the profit above the actual cost of materials goes into the Oakland Ward Building Fund. More than a donation, it's a wonderful treat for you. It's the sweetest way to help build our new chapel on Temple Hill.

Anyone wishing to join the "Box-a-Month Club" should write Dr. W. Cummings, 6177 Margarita Drive, Oakland. Indicate the size of box preferred and the number of boxes to be supplied monthly.

Oakland-Berkeley

Stake Historian
Requesting Data

The Oakland-Berkeley Stake History is compiled from:

The Stake Presidency reports, bulletins, notices and press releases on conferences, special events or happenings within the stake and reports of church buildings etc.

Quorum presidents should report lists of change in officers, or projects being promulgated and completed. Stake Auxiliary organizations should report stake sponsored activities as contests, awards, festivals, conventions, etc.

Wards should send in copies of missionary testimonials, or local press notices and pictures of the missionary.

Send in any outstanding and history-making accomplishments of the stake and ward members (not statistics, as there is a special clerk in each ward for such record).

Please help compile a complete report as condensed as possible, for Oakland-Berkeley Stake is making history.

Send material to Mrs. Stanley F. Patton, 1915 Rose Street, Berkeley 9, Calif.

BYU were home for the holidays, and most of them gave talks January 5 at Sacramento meeting.

Sister Edith Lindsay passed away December 24, after a long illness.

The Bob Christensens have a new boy, Daniel Lee, born December 31.

A baby shower was given January 6 for Laurel Christensen and Mary Lou Miller.

Colleen Kristine Calhoun spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judson C. Calhoun. She is attending the Kaiser Foundation school of Nursing.

Dr. F. S. Harris
Visit Relatives
In Berkeley Area

Dr. Franklin S. Harris, former president of the Brigham Young University (24 years) and the Utah State University (5 years) and noted agronomist and Church leader and his wife, visited their daughter Mrs. Helen (Ralph) Jensen of Berkeley Second Ward in mid-January.

Dr. Harris's published books include "Principles of Agronomy," "The Fruits of Mormonism," "Scientific Research and Human Welfare" and "Soil Alkali." He also is

author of hundreds of articles and bulletins.

During the time he was president of Brigham Young University he was granted leave in order to lend his skill as an agronomist to Far Eastern countries.

Dr. Harris and his wife, Estelle, are parents of four daughters and two sons. Dr. Franklin S. Harris Jr., is professor of physics at the University of Utah and writes a popular column in the Improvement Era. Chauncey D. Harris is Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago, and is president of the American Geographical Society and vice president of the International Geographical Assn.

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Auxiliary Study Courses Resumed

By Ann Crockett

Having digested the joys of the Holiday Season, out-of-town visitors and colleagues returned to their various pursuits refreshed by Berkeley hospitality. But in the wake of the New Year came a note of concern for several of our ward associates.

Little Elaine Owens had her family and friends temporarily worried over a series of allergy tests. But the saucy young blond now reports that she enjoyed her week in the hospital, but is glad to be back in Primary.

Also hospitalized for a few days were super-qualified and beloved Junior Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Naomi Layton and a beautiful young convert, Susan Young. Everyone wishes them a speedy recovery.

Sisters Elaine Evans and La Von Johnson were called to Salt Lake City the second week in January because of the death of their father, Mr. Taylor Brockbank. A former Utah State Senator, educator, and Church man, Brother Brockbank, (and his lovely wife), were frequent Berkeley visitors. To their family, particularly Elaine and La Von, all ward members extend sincere sympathy.

Old friends and new are greeting former BYU President Franklin S. Harris and his gracious wife, who are "Jensoning" at Helen and Ralph's home on Kerr Avenue. Special tribute was paid to Dr. Harris by W. Glenn Harmon, who was speaker on the occasion of the Harrison visit at Sacramento meeting.

In noting that Seaman Tom Hopkins, of the U.S. Navy School of Music at Washington D.C. was home for a brief Christmas holiday, we would like to mention that just previous to joining the service, Tom was awarded a Junior M Men Knight Certificate, a Coast Recognition presented by Leader Bob Allison.

CONGRATULATIONS to El Cerrito Hi's Student body president, Bill Owens, and Publicity Director Ann Balmforth. We understand that Ann's clever posters turned out to be collector's pieces. We're hoping she'll retrieve some for a forthcoming art show.

Picture-minded Lulu McCarthy, Thora Bramwell, Ann Crockett and Brother I. B. Ball, recently discussed plans for the Liahona Club-Sponsored East Bay Art Exhibit. Watch for further details. All you clever people who like to draw

conclusions, please prepare to submit same.

In news noting for the auxiliaries we learn that all have resumed their excellent study courses after a short holiday respite.

The Primary presented Special Service Awards to Colleen Carpenter, Candy Olson, Marilla Bodily and Leslie Young in recognition of their valuable teaching assistance.

Plans are materializing for the annual Primary Hospital Penny Drive. Because the hospital is literally spreading its wings to offer greater accommodation and help to hundreds of more children, our Primary hopes to double its contribution this year. Two pennies for each of your life, and one to grow on. Capitalize on your penny-pinch by rewarding a crippled child with adequate hospitalization.

In recognition of a generous volunteer worker, the Primary officers and teachers are expressing their gratitude and admiration for attractive Birna Bentley, who has been contributing her time and talents entertaining the very youngest Primaryans while their mothers teach.

Busily preparing for the Jan. 28 talent show, the MIA is having a hilarious time rehearsing "Black-outs."

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Manwaring of San Mateo announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Donald R. Snow, son of Mrs. Mary Snow and the late Dr. Eldon Snow of North Hollywood.

The couple will be married March 21, in the St. George Temple, by President Harold Snow, uncle of the bridegroom.

The future bride is a graduate of the Brigham Young University where she was a member of "Y" Calcaris, a women's honorary society, ToKalon Social Unit, and served as senior class secretary. She is teaching in the Jordan School District of Utah and attending the University Fourth Ward where she is serving as President of the YWMA.

Don Snow attended UCLA, BYU, and is currently a student at the University of Utah where he is majoring in the field of mechanical engineering. He is a member of Tau Beta Phi, national honorary engineering fraternity, Pi Tau Sigma, national honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, and is serving as second counselor in the bishopric of the University Fourth

Dr. Hart Heads
Staff at Hospital

Dr. Melvin G. Hart, of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake high council, has been elected president of the Medical Staff of the Merritt Hospital, Oakland.

Dr. Hart's father was a member of the First Council of Seventy, a faithful church leader, a lawyer, a polished gentleman, Charles H. Hart.

Dr. Melvin Hart attended the Granite High School, the U of U and did his medical work at Northwestern Medical, followed by three internships years, at the Alameda County hospital when Dr. Benjamin Black was hospital head in 1932 to 1935.

After high school Brother Hart, at age 17, went on a mission to the Swiss-German Mission, 1924-1926.

He also saw three years service in the Navy in World War II in the Pacific area. He was on the freighter Beimos just after the ship had delivered a cargo of munitions and gasoline and when it was torpedoed and sunk. Dr. Hart was among those who took to life boats and who were rescued later.

Dr. Hart in 1956 served as president of the Alameda County General Practices committee, and has been on various committees of the Al

Members Active Raising Money For Building

By Joan Tocher

The words which most frequently pass the lips of Oakland ward members are "Building Fund." Many and varied are the activities being generated to that end. Among those underway:

The Sunday School has two projects: one project directly benefiting all stake families who participate. Arrangements have been made to provide local families with Pippin Newton apples, shipped directly by the grower from the Hood River County, Oregon.

The second project involves a large painting of the new chapel on Temple Hill. Bricks are "sold" for \$1.00 each, and as they are sold, they are painted in on the picture of the building. The goal is one thousand bricks!

Relief Society members found their book reviews so well attended last year that they are arranging for two more this year. The first one is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, preceded by dessert. Relief Society is delighted that Sister Phyllis Warnick will be the reviewer. It will be held at the home of the Albert P. Heiners, 227 Crocker Ave., Piedmont, at 1 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from any officer or teacher of the Oakland Ward Relief Society.

As a get together the Elders and their wives held party at the home of Paul and Phyllis Warnick, Friday, January 10.

Mervin M. Brown has been released as Clerk of Oakland Ward, and James White sustained as his successor.

Maureen Fuhrman has been released as president of the YWMA and Edna Yorgason has been sustained in her place. The officers and teachers of the YWMA wish to thank Sister Fuhrman for the love and strength she gave to them as president.

Sally McClay, who is now Mrs. Henry S. Todd, is attending BYU with her husband, and has been released from her job as Junior Sunday School Coordinator. Replacing her will be Betty Frisch.

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Excellent Start In Temple Work; New Record Set

Although Oakland - Berkeley stake fell short of the 1957 goal for endowment work in the Los Angeles Temple, there are already indications, according to Stake Chairman Dennis Lauper, a member of the stake High Council, that the 1958 goal will be exceeded.

On Saturday January 18, during the over-flow second session, it was announced that a new record had been set that day with more than 1,000 endowments. Two wards from Oakland-Berkeley stake were participating that day: Oakland Third and Oakland Fourth. More than 50 travelled by bus and car to attend sessions, despite thick fog enroute.

Next two-ward Temple excursion will be February 15 for Berkeley First and Claremont wards.

Goal is 120 endowments a month. At press time it was not known whether or not the Oakland Third and Oakland Fourth wards, and work done by individuals from Oakland-Berkeley stake exceeded the monthly goal.

Although last year's work fell short by a thousand endowments, Chairman Lauper says that the work is better organized and the two wards going each month are more likely to come up to goals this year.

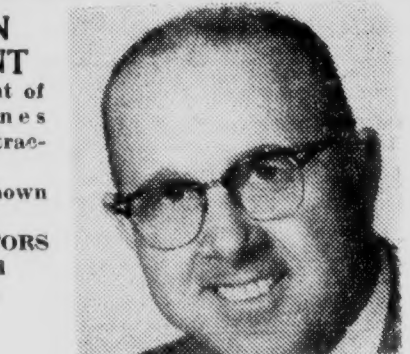
All those who attended temple sessions are requested to sign a registration slip for each session they attended.

Chairman Lauper and members of his committee recommended that members consider purchasing temple clothing. They can contact their own ward Relief Society president for information, or the ward genealogical chairman.

Oakland Ward

Farewell Given For Donald Addis

A Missionary farewell testimonial and reception was given in honor of Elder F. Donald Addis, Sunday, January 19, just prior to his departure from Oakland ward to labor in the Australian mission. Speakers were Martin Jefferies, Heber J. Brown, and F. Donald Addis, senior. Don's sister, Suzanne, gave a scriptural reading and Estherella Olszowska sang "How Beautiful upon the Mountains", requested by Don. Sister Ruby Addis will accompany her son to Salt Lake City and remain with him until he embarks for Australia.



Oakland Third

Eleanor Goodsell Gives Report On Finished Mission

By Melva Rainey

Eleanor Goodsell, returned home from her mission to the Eastern States, and gave her report at Sacramento meeting in the ward on Jan. 12.

Mrs. H. A. Van Noy and Leora Worley attended the funeral of their brother, Jared Lewis, in Preston, Idaho. Mr. Lewis was prominent in civic and state affairs. He was an executive of the amalgamated Sugar company in Nyssa, Oregon, and was on the Ore-Ida Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown announce the arrival of a baby girl. They have a little boy also. Mr. Brown is with the Oakland Police Dept. Joe Allen returned home from his mission in Finland and has gone back to the B. Y. U. to finish his schooling. Bill Rice Jr. has also gone back and they are batching together. Jim Rawles also is studying at the Y.

Charles Huston of the Stake Sunday School Superintendency is in the hospital. Clarence Goodsell has been in the hospital to take tests to learn his trouble. Mabel Smith entered the hospital to undergo an operation on her eyes. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson have recently added a new daughter to their family.

Blair Mason is home and looking fine after fulfilling his mission. Congratulations to Stephen Sorenson on being ordained a Priest. Word from Jack Fitzpatrick in the Belgian Mission; he is suffering seriously from sinus trouble. The Phelps write that they are on the last lap of their mission in Australia. They have to finish the building they are now working on, then they will be on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine L. Chemant and boys are home living at the Torgerson's while Blaine finishes his student teaching. He has been released from the service. The past year, he has been serving at Spokane, Washington. Kenneth Mason will soon have his service record behind him. Mary Westover spent some time in Stockton seeing about a part of her book to be published soon. Mary deserves a great big vote of thanks and appreciation for spiritual thoughts she so graciously writes for the ward programs every Sunday. She has written many beautiful poems, letters and prose for all the missionaries and many friends.

Jeanne and James Zeigler have been visiting friends around, showing their fine new son born in October. They are living in the San Lorenzo Ward but many friends in the Third ward will remember Jim and the fine work he did with the boys. Elder Clayde Hill, the Supervising Elder of the full time missionaries who went home in October has gone on to school at the B.Y.U. Elder Stanley Parkinson has been home in Arco, Idaho, but will be at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

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San Francisco Ward

Fruitful Time For Dan Cupid

By Echo May

Weddings and engagements highlighted the holiday season in San Francisco Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kleebauer have announced the engagement of their daughter, Norma, to Byron Edwin Thinger of San Bruno. The wedding will be solemnized February 1, by Chaplain Theodore R. Curhis in the Presidio Post Chapel. Miss Maureen Shippo of Salt Lake City has become engaged to Jordan Glen, son of Kenneth and Hilma Glen. The couple plan a June wedding.

Mary Ahlf and William Morrison, Ward Genealogy Chairman, were united in marriage in the Los Angeles Temple. On the same day, also in the Los Angeles Temple, Rene Morgan and David E. Chaffee, Sunday School Superintendent, were married.

The Mantle Temple was the setting of a December 20 wedding for Donna Mathews and Dick Woods. The couple will make their home in Chicago where Dick has accepted a position as an accountant with Arthur Anderson.

On Fast Sunday, January 5, Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Dorothy I. and Herbert W. Johnson, was blessed by Bishop W. Elwood Scoville; and Cynthia Kaye Crosby,

daughter of Roselyn and Ross Crosby, was blessed by her father.

The Ward Christmas Party was under the direction of LaVern Williams. A special spiritual program, entitled, "The True Meaning of Christmas," was presented in word and music. Refreshments were served in the recreation hall with the remainder of the evening being spent in dancing.

Primary children visited Shriner's Hospital, where they entertained the crippled children with carols. Afterwards, refreshments of hot chocolate with a surprise visit by Santa Claus who brought them popcorn balls with candy centers.

Hattie Shaw Woodard, mother of Echo May, and of Theda Farnsworth, Palo Alto Stake Patriarch died on Christmas Eve at Orcas Island, Washington. Funeral services were held in Queen Ann Ward in Seattle, with interment in Aberdeen's Fern Hill.

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BERKELEY FIRST—February, June, November
BERKELEY SECOND—April, September, December
CLAREMONT WARD—February, June, November
OAKLAND WARD—March, August, December
OAKLAND THIRD—January, May, October
OAKLAND FOURTH—January, May, October
RICHMOND WARD—April, September, December
UNIVERSITY WARD—No Specific Assignment
Oakland Third, Oakland Fourth—Jan. 17, Oct. 18
Berkeley First, Claremont—Feb. 15, June 21, Nov. 15
Alameda, Oakland—March 15, August 16, December 20
Berkeley Second, Richmond—April 19, Sept. 20, Dec. 20

Messenger Files Of 25 Years Ago Preserved at Bancroft Library

Are you ever desirous of consulting back issues of the Messenger, Bay area organ of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

For most of you, perhaps not, but historians such as Director George P. Hammond of the famous Bancroft Library of Western history at the University of California in Berkeley, never overlook any source of material of any possible value in Western annals for the future use of historians to come, or of current students in that field at the University. And the facilities of this historical treasure house are available to all citizens for consultation.

THE INTEREST of the Bancroft Library in all possible avenues of LDS historic data came to light lately in a letter from Director Hammond to the editor of the Messenger in which it was disclosed that the library possesses issues of the Messenger from its inception in 1931 under the editorship of W. Aird Macdonald, former stake president of the old San Francisco and the old Oakland Stakes, to 1939. These first nine volumes are almost complete, lacking only five issues, those of September 1935, May and October 1936 and May and July, 1937.

Perhaps someone will wish to contribute these missing numbers of the Messenger to Bancroft.

The Messenger office had an extra copy of the July 1939 issue to donate. We are also sending to the Bancroft Library with our compliments all extra copies in our files from January, 1940 to July, 1941 at which time the Messenger suspended operations. The paper remained inoperative for five years, beginning again in April, 1946 when the Messenger was revived by the Oakland Stake on the offer of sponsor-

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Some Counsel To Newlyweds At L. A. Temple

President Benjamin Bowring of the Los Angeles Temple gave pertinent counsel in remarks to a Latter-day Saint couple one Saturday recently as they stood before the altar in the sealing room on the upper floor of the temple.

"Remember this day one year from now and be sure to write me a letter letting me know how your marriage is progressing," he requested.

To the bridegroom he said, "There are two days in particular that you must not ever forget, even once. And they are your wedding day and this, your wedding day. A pretty flower or some other fitting memento and a kiss are the least that you must always remember on these anniversaries."

And to both of the young people that day being married he advised: "YOUR COURTSHIP DAYS have not ended at this wedding ceremony. They have now a new beginning, and should be continued through the years as precious as they are now."

"But remember that there will be adjustments to be made, and probably some strong differences of opinion, and even sharp words. But do not be surprised. This is to be expected when two strong minds are learning to live and to share so intimately."

And he added with a twinkle in his eyes, "I have heard of some couples who say that they have never had a quarrel in all their married lives. They were justly proud of it. But how Monotonous!"

"TWO STRONG-MINDED persons usually experience tensions somewhere along the way. This is not serious. The serious thing is how you take these periods of tensions. Remember to take your problems to the Lord together in family prayer."

"Be sure to pray together twice every day by turns. And never go to sleep at any night without kissing each other good night."

"If you will always do these things and keep yourselves pure and busy in your Church activities, all will go well with you."

New Emphasis On English At BYU Now

Last fall's freshman class was the first to enter Brigham Young University under a recently-organized program designed to raise the level of English proficiency.

BYU's Better English Committee, headed by Dr. Samuel Monson, English Department, instituted the new program last winter quarter. It includes three major steps.

(1) A standard examination is given to all freshman as part of the freshman English course. Students must pass this test with a standard minimum in order to pass the course.

(2) Completion of required courses in freshman composition is a prerequisite to a student's classification as a junior. Composition is designed to provide tools for pet-tern work in most college classes. No student will be allowed to wait until his junior or senior years to finish freshman English requirements.

(3) The most revolutionary step in the program is the junior proficiency examination, testing students' abilities to write correct, effective sentences and paragraphs and to organize their material into a logical whole. Passing the junior efficiency examination is a prerequisite for graduation.

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Gen. Dean Stresses Need for Spirituality

War Hero Tells Priesthood Of Best Traits

In the Nuclear Age the two prime needs are leadership and spiritual solidarity.

That was the message of Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, of Berkeley, holder of the Medal of Honor, in an address before the Aaronic Priesthood of Hayward Stake.

"We need scientists, of course, but arily if we are to win this cold war," said General Dean. "The spiritual life of man is most important."

"We need scientist, of course, but we also need leaders, leaders in every way of life. You Priesthood bearers are the sources of this leadership."

In commenting on the Communist doctrine, the general said that the Communist philosophy could be phrased, "our sputniks prove that we need no gods other than ourselves."

TURNING TO the matter of leadership, General Dean listed three factors that are essential:

1. Integrity.
2. Loyalty.
3. Enthusiasm.

Integrity, or moral character, is a prime factor of leadership, he continued. While it is true Capone was a leader, his men followed him only because of their fear for their lives. Inmates of penal institutions despise men who lead only through fear, while the chaplain who leads through love is cherished.

"Loyalty is an element that is three-fold," he said. "Loyalty moves up—toward the upper echelon, downward to the subordinates and sideways to the contemporaries."

He pointed out that in true loyalty there is no alibi. You must bring your juniors up to your level and take your contemporaries into your confidence. While it is true that loyalty must be given to the senior in command, it is not disloyal to "go to the senior and make suggestions."

"Enthusiasm is like the firing pin," General Dean declared. "Without it there is no action. You cannot do a job without enthusiasm."

"**ACCEPT EACH JOB** as a challenge, even though obstacles have to be overcome. No one has ever excelled who was not enthusiastic, nor could one instruct without enthusiasm."

To illustrate this point the general related several incidents which happened during his military career in which the enthusiasm of a junior officer made victory possible.

"There is nothing worse than self pity," he said. "When you start to be sorry for yourself you turn in your suit."

He concluded by saying that "the busiest man is always the man to get the job done. He is a leader; he has enthusiasm."

General Dean was given a huge homecoming celebration in September, 1953 following his release from three years of Communist captivity in Korea. He was a divisional commander in Korea when he was captured and his wife accepted a Medal of Honor on his behalf two years before his release. It was presented by President Truman.

The Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee sponsored the event. Hosts were Chairman Vao L. Cheney of the Stake High Council, Bernard L. Stewart, Dale Cram and Herbert J. Marsh. President Milton P. Ream and President A. Gifford Jackson were among guests at the head table.



MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM F. DEAN, celebrated Berkeley Medal of Honor winner, greets Hayward Stake leaders who sponsored him in talk before Aaronic Priesthood. With him, from left, are Herbert J. Marsh, Vao L. Cheney, chairman of stake Priesthood Committee, and Dr. Milton P. Ream, stake president.

Gold and Green Ball is Successful

By Hazel Natali

Our ward Gold and Green Ball was held January 25 at 8:30 p.m. It was semi-formal.

Mention should be made of the wonderful Christmas Program put on by the Primary and MIA organizations, December 23. The first half of the program was due to the skillful efforts of our Primary Association. The entire program was original from Santa's Space Ship to the costumes the teachers made for the children. The singing and dancing were excellent. The program revolved around the idea of two children riding with Santa as he visited foreign lands and showed how Christmas was spent in each country.

The last half of the Program was given by the MIA. The true Spirit of Christmas was shown in its many aspects from the Merry Carols to the Manger Scene. Then, of course, Santa had a bag of candy for the children.

In about a months time, our ward will start building houses on the three lots located on Horner Way. These houses will be similar to the houses already on Horner and Temple Way. From the sale of these homes, the proceeds will be used to build additional classrooms on our present Chapel and a new and larger Junior Sunday School.

Let us remember the coming Temple excursion for people from our ward which is going to the Los Angeles Temple February 7.

Bishops Message:

We who are privileged to be members of Christ's Church, enjoy the greatest opportunity available to man during his mortal existence. If we would make the most of our opportunity, we should search diligently in his scripture for his laws by which we should govern ourselves as members of his kingdom. He has given us a promise that if we obey his commandments he is bound by his law to reward us with blessings, but if we do not obey, we have no promise.

He doesn't require very much of us, but for every principle of his gospel, we apply to our lives, he pours more joy into our cup of life and grants us more faith which gives us more strength to overcome greater obstacles. With just a little sustained effort on our part, we will continually go forward and up. Our lives will be

Tom Stone On Y Honor Roll

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Tom Stone is the son of President and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, is Berkeley born, a graduate of Piedmont High, had one year at the U.C., and one year at the "Y" before going on a mission to Tahiti. He returned from Tahiti last September and was at home one week before enrolling at the BYU.

Brother Stone's fields of study centers in business and education. At present he has not decided which of these will be the chosen field for graduate work after the bachelor's degree has been won.

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